Please find below, Utah State Parks news for September 28:

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Salt Lake City – Utah State Parks Boating Rangers offer the following tips to waterfowl hunters taking to Utah's waterways:

- Wear a life jacket! Make sure life jackets are U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly fitted and are the correct size for each person on board.
- Take a waterproof survival kit and update the kit after every use. Kits should include fire starter materials, flares, flashlight, space blanket and first aid supplies.
- Load your boat properly and do not exceed the boat's capacity plate limit. Decoys, motors, and other supplies can be heavy. When operating over rough waters, an overloaded boat can swamp more easily.
- Tell somebody where you're going and when you plan to return. If you become lost or injured this information can assist search and rescue crews with emergency assistance.

For more information on boating safety, visit stateparks.utah.gov. Wear it UTAH!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

October 2-30 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City Art Exhibit: Enjoy watercolor paintings by artist Dorothy M. Uherka. Exhibited works include watercolor landscapes and portraits. 435-586-9290

October 14 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante Geology Hike: Travel back in time 150 million years and explore the park's Jurassic geology on a guided one-mile hike to the petrified forest. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. 435-826-4466

October 15 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Mysterious Moon and Celestial Sensations: Celebrate Astronomy Day with a tour of the night sky! Observe the magnificent moon by telescope, learn about Earth's nearest neighbor, and about autumn constellations through stories and activities. Meet at the visitor center at 8 p.m. 435-826-4466

October 15 and 16 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Johnson Canyon Hike: Join us for a hike to Johnson Canyon and Johnson Arch
Friday, October 15 at 5 p.m. or Saturday, October 16 at 10 a.m. Learn about the
natural history of the area as you traverse lava flows and a desert scrub community
on this ranger-led, two-mile hike. Space is limited and registration is required. 435628-2255

October 16 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Evening Nature Sketching: Admire the changing colors of early evening while
exploring the fun of nature sketching on this 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike at 6 p.m.
Program registration is held two days prior to event. 435-628-2255

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